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'Nap' Tillotson Named Head of YMCA Current Support Campaign

W. T. Tillotson, well known civic and industrial leader, has been named to head the Torrance Y.M.C.A.'s 1950 Current Support Campaign and membership drive, according to an announcement by William H. Tolson, chairman of the Torrance Board of Managers.

Tillotson who is president of the Torrance Rotary Club, and a director of the Chamber of Commerce, will head a 100 man organization in raising \$11,500 needed to carry on the Y.M.C.A. program in Torrance.

R. I. Plomert Jr., has been named chairman of the advanced gifts division. Members of the Campaign Executive Committee are Tolson, John W. Beeman, W. E. Bowen, Rollin R. Smith, A. C. Turner, Herb Cohn and B. T. Whitney Jr.

"I consider it a distinct privilege to have been chosen to lead this campaign," Tillotson said. "The Torrance Y.M.C.A. has made a great contribution to the youth of the area, and I am more than willing to accept this responsibility to help insure the continued operation of the vitally important organization."

During the past year the Torrance Y.M.C.A. has sponsored an extensive program of recreational, educational, and religious events designed to build responsible citizenship.

In boys club programs, there have been 34 clubs with a total of 9,766 in attendance, 35 ath-

letic teams in recreational leagues, special events such as parties, hikes, educational trips, athletic clinics, and community activities.

In the annual "Learn to Swim Campaign" nearly 150 boys took advantage of six free lessons during the Easter season. A total attendance of Y.M.C.A. activities in Torrance last year exceeded 25,000, according to L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary.

Operation under the slogan "Youth Looks to You", the Campaign for funds to continue this work will open January 10 with the drive for initial gifts. The general appeal will begin February 10, Tillotson said.

Superintendent

A. C. Bliven, Los Angeles, has been advanced to the post of superintendent of the machine shop at the General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance refinery.

Bliven is a veteran of 27 years service with General Petroleum. He formerly was machine shop foreman at Torrance.



Escrow Office To Open Here

R. E. Kraabel, president of the California Citizens Escrow Co., today announced that the company is opening a branch office at 2093 Torrance boulevard. Kraabel will supervise the activities of the Torrance-Lomita branch, J. H. Rutkowski, escrow officer, will assume direction of the San Pedro office, as manager.

Mrs. Norma Karmelich will become associated with the company in the San Pedro office.

The San Pedro office was established in 1947 at 382 Seventh street. The main office is located at 11009 S. Main street, Los Angeles.

Cable Company Buys 16-Acre Tract in 'Strip'

Rome Cable Company, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of electrical conduit, has purchased 16 acres of land at 211th street and Normandie avenue, county records revealed yesterday.

Sellers of the industrial property were listed as Helen G. Conkling, industrial land developer, and Mrs. Grace M. Conkling.

Neither officials of the American Brass Company, parent organization of the Rome Cable Company, nor the land owners were available for comment.

According to the grant deed filed in the Los Angeles County Recorder's office on December 23, the transaction involved the south half of lot four, tract 6378. The property faces Normandie avenue.

It was speculated that the company intends to construct a wire factory at the site, although neither confirmation nor denial of this was available at a late hour yesterday.

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DELBERT VAUGHN NAMED DIMES CO-CHAIRMAN

Delbert Vaughn, president of the Torrance Optimist Club and locally-known civic leader, has been named co-chairman of the 1950 March of Dimes, it was announced this week by Campaign headquarters.

Vaughn's first official act was to join Mrs. Clara Combs, co-chairman of the campaign in urging support of the Torrance Firemen's Association—sponsors of the March of Dimes Benefit Dance in the Redondo Barn January 19.

The co-chairman announced additional volunteers are needed to man the 1950 March of Dimes in Torrance.

They asked that citizens with spare time to contribute contact March of Dimes headquarters at 2091 Torrance boulevard. Meanwhile co-chairman Vaughn announced a goal of \$5,000 has been set for Torrance. An increase of \$1,000 over that of last year.

He explained the increase is made necessary to provide at least a minimum of medical and

county community increased goal be curtailed. This of Dimes chapters than \$1,400,000 in 1949. local care. Costs for expected nearly to double, said.

He pointed out that the March of Dimes provides hospital expense, nursing and doctors' fees, braces, wheel chairs, physiotherapy, and other services for needy victims of the dread virus.

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